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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KYONO ET AL.

Examiner

Pamela R. Schwartz

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kinning et al. (US2003/0107635).

The reference discloses solvent inkjet ink receptive films having a core layer and an image receptive layer [0013]. The image receptive layer comprises a blend of a carrier resin and an ink absorptive resin. The carrier resin may be olefin [0014, 0017]. The reference discloses an ink absorptive resin as well [0019]. The solubility parameter for this resin is disclosed as having a limited range (see Table 3 for specific values within the instantly claimed range). The reference discloses polystyrene resins as the ink absorptive resin [0021-0022]. This resin is present in an amount of 10 to about 50% by weight of the layer [0023]. The carrier resin is present in the image receptive layer in an amount of from at least about 30 wt. % [0018]. The core layer is an extrudable resin but may be paper, fabric, or nonwoven materials as well [0033].

2. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinning et al. (US2003/0107635). Kinning et al. is relied upon as set forth above. In addition, on the remote surface of the core, a pressure sensitive adhesive layer may be present [0038-0041] so that the material may be adhered to a target surface [0045]. The reference is silent with respect to a release paper. This feature is well known in the label art so that pressure sensitive adhesive is not contaminated prior to its use to

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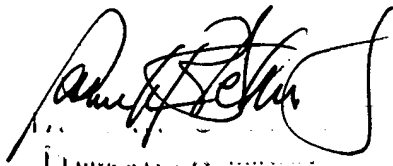
adhere a printed label onto a surface. Based upon the conventional aspect of a release paper, inclusion of such a paper on the surface of the pressure sensitive adhesive layer of the primary reference would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in order to protect the adhesive from contamination.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pamela Schwartz whose telephone number is (571) 272-1528.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRSchwartz
February 25, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Schwartz', is written over a faint, circular official stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.